(b) by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The HVDC transmission line between Rihand and Dadri is being constructed by the National Thermal Power Corporation and the progress made upto March, 1989 on the line is given below:—

Total Length (ckt. kms.)	Total No. of locations	Stubs completed	Towers erected	Stringing completed (ckt. kms.)
817	2140	1976	1703	409

The transmission line, along with the bi-poles is scheduled for completion by 1990.

Clearance of pending power projects of Karnataka

1570. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of power projects of Karnataka which are pending with the Central Government for approval as on 31st March, 1989;

(b) what are the details thereof and since when these projects are pending; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by the Central Government to expedite the approval of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Details of generation projects of Karnataka pending approval of the Central Government as on 31-3-1989 are as follows:—

S. No.	Name of Project	Capacity	Est. Cost (Rs. crores)	Date of receipt of project report	
1	Thermal Station at Nandikur near Mangalore (T)	2x210=420	595.5	2/85 4/87(II)	(I) This will now be taken up in
2	Brindavan (H)	2×6=12	13.0	3/87	
3	Bhadra P.H. (H)	1×6=6	6.0	1/89	the Central
4	Maddur (H)	1×1.5=1.5	2.4	10/82	Sector)

(c) While all efforts are made to expedite the clearance of power projects, approval of power projects depends upon several factors including comprehensiveness of project reports, expeditious response of the project authorities to various comments/observations of the Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission, availability of various inputs and clearances such as fuel availability, water availability, environment and forest clearance, clearance from State Pollution Control Board and National Airports Authority, etc. and the relative priority accorded by the State Government to the projects in terms of allocation of funds in the State's Annual Plan, resolution of inter-state disputes in sharing of water resources.